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SUBJ: REQUEST FROM AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR
ASSISTANCE IN TRAVELLING TO CAMBODIA

ADRIAN LYNCH, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO DEPUTY LEADER OF COUNTRY PARTY, IAN SINCLAIR, PHONED EMBASSY MAR 25 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN TRAVELLING TO PHNOM PENH. LYNCH SAID THAT SINCLAIR AND POSSIBLY COUNTRY PARTY LEADER DOUG ANTHONY AND LIBERAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ANDREW PEACOCK WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS IT COULD BE ARRANGED TO EVALUATE SITUATION ON GROUND. SINCE CIVIL AIRLINE FLIGHTS NO LONGER OPERATING, WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING SEAT ON U.S. AIRLINES OPERATING UNDER DOD CHARTER. LYNCH SAID THAT SINCLAIR PREPARED TO TRAVEL AS ROUGH AS NECESSARY AND WOULD BE PREPARED SIGN WAIVER RELIEVING U.S. OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT. LYNCH SAID SINCLAIR WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH IN PARTY OF THREE (WITH ANTHONY AND PEACOCK) BUT UNDERSTOOD MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET ONLY ONE SEAT.

COMMENT: THIS IS SHOT OUT OF THE BLUE, BUT WE UNDERTOOK TO EXPLORE SITUATION REGARDING POSSIBLE TRANSPORTATION. BELIEVE
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SINCLAIR AND OTHER OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE SINCERELY

CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME OF TRAGIC EVENTS IN INDO-CHINA AND BASICALLY DISAGREE WITH ASSESSMENT OF LABOR GOVERNMENT THAT COMMUNIST VICTORY IS WAVE OF THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, THERE IS UNDOUBTEDLY ELEMENT OF POLITICAL CALCULATION IN REQUEST, SINCE, IF ONE TO THREE OPPOSITION PARLIAMENTARIANS SAFELY VISIT PHNOM PENH AFTER LABOR GOVERNMENT HAS WITHDRAWN AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, GOA MAY WELL BE ACCUSED OF HAVING PANICKED IN FACE OF DANGEROUS BUT NOT RPT NOT IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. BELIEVE WE CAN ASSUME THAT, IF WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PHNOM PENH TO SINCLAIR AND ONE OR TWO OTHER PARLIAMENTARIANS, PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL BE CONSIDERABLY ANNOYED WITH U.S. FOR HAVING PROVIDED HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS WITH STICK TO BEAT HIM WITH.

ON OTHER HAND, IF VISIT BY SINCLAIR FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS IS FEASIBLE, BELIEVE WE CAN ANTICIPATE GETTING SERIES OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WHICH WOULD GENERALLY SUPPORT U.S. POLICY IN CAMBODIA. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES SINCLAIR SHOULD BE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION, IF POSSIBLE.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: THAT NECESSARY PERMISSION BE GIVEN TO AUTHORIZE TRANSPORTATION FROM SAIGON OR BANGKOK TO PHNOM PENH TO SINCLAIR (AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS) IN NEAR FUTURE, IF SITUATION MAKES SUCH TRIP AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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